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SUBJECT: FONMIN WILLS' PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

REF: STATE 28201, TUMMINIA/BLACKEN TLECON FEB. 11

- 1. FONMIN WILLS INVITED ME TO HIS OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON (FEB. 11) FOR DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL ISSUES. THAT PART OF OUR CONVERSATION DEALING WITH HIS PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IS REPORTED HEREIN.
- 2. WILLS SAID HE HAD HOPED TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY EARLIER THAN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. I RESPONDED THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY WAS BLOCKED OUT DUE TO THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER ALREADY SCHEDULED VISITS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BUT ASKED THAT I INQUIRE WHAT WOULD BE THE EARLIEST DATE IN MARCH THAT THE SECRETARY COULD SEE HIM. AN EARLY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD BE HELPFUL IN IMPROVING THE LOCAL ATMOSPHERE IN GUYANA AND ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS. ALSO HE WANTS TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAVE BECOME FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, PARTICULARLY POLICIES AFFECTING GUYANA AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES.

- 2. WILLS TICKED OFF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS AS THOSE HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH THE SECRETARY:
- --CARICOM
- --LATIN AMERICA
- --CUBAN EXILES

- --PANAMA CANAL
- -- RELATIONS WITH CUBA
- --GUYANA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
- --GOG VOTING PATTERN AT UN
- --SOUTHERN AFRICA
- --MIDDLE EAST.

3. WILLS ASKED THAT THE UNITED STATES NOT CONSIDER GUYANA'S RELATIONS WITH THE US AS A PART OF ITS PROBLEM WITH CUBA. GUYANA DID NOT HAVE NOR WOULD IT HAVE ANY ALLIANCE WITH CUBA. NOR DID IT TAKE SIDES IN THE EAST-WEST RIVALRY. ALSO HE WANTED TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR GUYANA'S DEEP INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE PARAMETERS OF ITS POLICY THERE. HE WANTED TO DISCUSS AND PLACE IN PERSPECTIVE GUYANA'S VOTING PATTERN AT THE UNITED NATION, CLARIFY GUYANA'S POSITION ON ISRAEL (EMPHASIZE THAT GUYANA IS NOT ANTI-SEMETIC) AND TO URGE THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER LATIN AMERICA WITH THE SAME PRIORITY THAT IT LOOKED AT OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

4. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MY RETURN, WILLS SPOKE DIRECTLY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HE SAID HE WOULD URGE THAT THE UNITED STATES PUT MORE MONEY IN THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THAT IT REINSTITUTE A BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN GUYANA. HE WOULD LIKE THE UNITED STATES TO USE ITS INFLUENCE IN THE IMF AND THE IADB TO HELP GUYANA OBTAIN FUNDS. HE NOTED THAT PINOCHET IN CHILE COULD GET LARGE LOANS FROM THE IADB DESPITE HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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ATROCIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, BUT GUYANA FOUND IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN LOANS. BLACKEN

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